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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Generally, under 18 USC Chapter 44 Section 926B, a law enforcement officer with photo identification from their agency can carry a concealed weapon while off-duty.

Generally, under s. 941.23 (2) (a), a law enforcement officer can carry a concealed weapon while off-duty.

Under 2011 WI Act 35, DOJ charges a fee of \$37 for processing an application and issuing a license to carry a concealed weapon (CCW). DOJ also charges a fee of \$12 to replace a lost or destroyed CCW license and to renew a CCW license. In addition, all applicants for a new or renewed CCW license are charged a separate fee of \$13 for a statutorily required criminal history background check.

Under 2011 Assembly Bill 479, DOJ shall issue a CCW license to all law enforcement officers, unless the officer is already a licensee on the effective date of the bill or is already a licensee when he or she becomes an officer, without the application fee or background check and fee.

DOJ's Training and Standards Bureau maintains a database containing Wisconsin's certified law enforcement officers. DOJ's Firearms Unit processes CCW licenses. To meet the requirements of AB 479, DOJ will have to create an interface to export data from the Training & Standards Bureau database and to import data to the Firearms Unit CCW license database. The interface will not only have to transfer data on current and future certifications, but also data on decertifications. Total design, construction, testing, and implementation costs relating to the new interface will cost approximately \$85,000. Ongoing annual maintenance costs will be approximately \$20,000 in subsequent years.

Since AB 479 requires DOJ to issue CCW licenses to all law enforcement officers currently without a CCW license, but exempts officers from paying the application fee to cover the costs associated with processing the CCW licenses, DOJ will not recoup \$37 for each license processed under the bill. There are nearly 17,000 certified law enforcement officers in Wisconsin. It is difficult to estimate at this time how many of those officers already have a CCW license. If 5,000 officers already have their CCW licenses, under the bill DOJ would lose approximately \$444,000 (12,000 x \$37) to cover license processing costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications